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Quotations and Observations of Possible Pertinence Covering
Colonel Lane's Tour of the JCS Offices the Afternoon of
16 November 1954

"I'm beginning to understand your planning basis and operation, but would like to pin down just where the cost figures enter into the picture."

"I've seen a couple of estimates the President had made by special high-power groups outside the intelligence family. I wonder to what extent they are available to you. One was headed by General Edwards; the other I can't talk about."

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"I'm interest in [redacted] statement that there is no national cold war plan. Glad to see you are a little ahead of the game."

"How long will it take you to establish an adequate apparatus for the cold war?"

Re 1957 Plan, after ten-minute perusal - "This is a good paper!"

"Do you have a central repository for your plans? I'll get more into that sort of thing when I get to security."

Colonel Lane made repeated references to security.

He showed evidence of having done considerable research in preparation for his assignment, but was frequently confused by terminology. He was furnished with a Glossary of Intelligence Terms.

25X1A9a [redacted] stated that we do not engage in counterfeiting. . . . the statement might possibly be refuted.

Colonel Lane showed considerable experience in the field of reports. Emphasized that a report and evaluation is only as good as the remedial use of same.

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He has excellent rapport with [redacted]

He speaks well of [redacted] and [redacted]

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He reads print upside down as rapidly as the usual way.

He has discussed agreed activities with Mr. Dulles.

He thinks in military terms, or more precisely, in army terms.

Frequently he expressed a desire to come back.

Upon leaving, he stated that "you seem to have a fine bunch of people".

Colonel Lane is from Arkansas, prefers informality, smokes cigars, and likes a little cream and sugar in his coffee.

Colonel Lane does not like to be "fussed over". He went to the cafeteria alone, and says he can generally find his way around without help.



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